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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a simple POTS user. My phone postly exists for emergencies (and when power fails), and to make and be reminded about Medical appointments.

Before I switched to Sonic. A T&T nickled and dimed me for BARE BONES calling, No Long distance, No inter-lata calling, No Caller ID and charges if I used more than X call per month. . For that, they got \$28/ Mo. Slow (tier) speed internet would be extra, Faster, even more. So for Internet, I subscribed to Earthlink (\$40).

Then I found I could switch to Sonic. For \$55/mo, I got Full featured Phone service (CID, VM, Nation wide calling and more) INCLUDES all fees and taxes.

Don't let AT&T do what Verizon did to my sister in Santa Maria, and let the cable plant deteriorate into crackling hell, that dropped her DSL frequently.

We NEED wireline service in emergencies. A few years ago, a plane took out the high tension towers. The Cell system towers ran out of power after a few hours. My dial tone, never faltered . I even had internet because my DSL router was on a UPS and was able to get current status on the repairs.

If A T&T doesn't want to share. Then DO REA type regulation and mandate that THEY WILL PROVIDE MODERN PHONE FEATURES FOR A BASIC RATE for all users.

BTW Please abolish the junk (non-optional) fee practice. The only additional charge allowed is for taxes that are a percentage of the USAGE (non-reoccurring) CHARGES (eg Long distance minutes)

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